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Hospital Corpsman Detailers Enhance Career Opportunities with Naval Hospital Bremerton Sailors

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Hospital Corpsman detailers from Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn., visited Naval Hospital Bremerton (NHB) on Aug. 11 and 12 to share information and insight on a variety on career goals.



Hospital Corpsman Detailer, Chief Hospital Corpsman Natalie Cebular gives examples of how the detailing process works in Naval Hospital Bremerton's (NHB) Ross Auditorium during a detailing symposium on Aug. 12. NHB Sailors Hospitalman Domenic Nasuta, Hospitalman Jacob Ward and Hospitalman Erica Keller participated showing how one individual may be more suited for a specific job within the hospital corpsman rating. Cebular and other hospital corpsman detailers from Navy Personnel Command Millington, Tenn., are currently touring Pacific Northwest Navy commands and are responsible for detailing more than 27,000 Navy Hospital Corpsman (Photo by James Evans Coyle)

The face-to-face meetings between the detailers and Sailors included an extensive symposium held in the hospital's Ross Auditorium to provide hospital corpsman rating information such as obtaining advantageous duty locales, advanced training schools and easing the selection process on both them and the detailers.

Lead Hospital Corpsman Detailer, Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Charles Hickey said that more than 27,000 Hospital Corpsman in the Navy benefit from his team's visits and NHB was another stop on a long list of Navy commands.

"We're currently on a Pacific Northwest swing. We came from Europe and all over Japan recently and we are here to get the word out on all the latest with the hospital corpsman detailing developments. A big benefit of our trip to NHB is to make sure the Sailors are aware of their responsibilities to make the most of their career opportunities," said Hickey.

Sailors were reminded to always be cognizant of their PRD (projected rotation date) and have a current, updated profile on the Navy's Career Management System-Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID) website. This according to Master Chief Hickey will ensure they remain competitive with other Sailors who desire the same sea and shore based billets.



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“Things like desired job preference and location as well as qualifications obtained such as a college degree would be important to be documented for an instructor position. It’s also beneficial for Sailors to be aware of the best career enhancing billets out there and not to just focus on wanting exclusively to work in Hawaii or San Diego, but have realistic expectations of what is best for advancement possibilities,” added Hickey.

Hospital Corpsman Detailer, Chief Hospital Corpsman Natalie Cebular noted that a sailor who is six months or less away from their PRD rotation and has not updated their profile in CMS-ID leaves little flexibility for the detailer as far as providing a desired billet or coveted location.

“If we as the detailers just hear from you at a point where you’re almost done with your respective command, your leverage of getting what you want off the billet listings becomes more about where you fit best in regards to ‘needs of the Navy,’” said Cebular.

According to Cebular the needs of the Navy billets may offer the Sailor who fills those billets a better overall, well-rounded career advancement path.

“Later on when considered for future billets if the Sailor has already been to places like Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms or Okinawa or forward deployed at sea, the desired billets will become more obtainable. But A Sailor should always stay in communication no later than nine months from transfer (date) and be actively engaged with their command career counselor,” said Cebular.

NHB 2013 Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year Hospitalman Domenic Nasuta of NHB Northwest Beginnings Family Birth Center said he’s looking forward to his next command with the help of his chain of command, the NHB career counselors, and the visiting Hospital Corpsman detailers.

“They (the detailers) put out things that many people possibly didn’t know as important. Keeping in contact with them and the career counselors and when the jobs post, the selection process and knowing what’s available gave people a better perspective on what may be next for them in their careers,” said Nasuta.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Robert deLange of NHB’s Career Counselor’s Office said the arrival of the detailers gave Sailors a unique opportunity to see how the process of job selection works other than just by applying through the CMS-ID.

“The one-on-one with the detailers gave Sailors a better look at why and more specifically how the jobs are given out and what people are technically eligible for. A person with three kids applying for an overseas billet against someone with one child would become a cost efficiency issue for the Navy. A person with the large family would be less likely to be selected for that billet. If a single hospitalman with no spouse or children has been at a shore command then they’re more likely to head out to a sea billet as that person just isn’t eligible for a billet that someone who has been at sea is scheduled to roll into,” said deLange, noted that the visit also provided better interaction than across the phone lines and through the internet.

“The NHB sailors who were looked after by influential visiting detailers provided a big morale booster,” added deLange. “The personnel got a feeling of genuine concern about their respective careers and encouragement with continuing on a successful path with their future job selections.”

For more information about United States Navy detailing go to: <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/enlisted/detailing/Pages/default2.aspx>



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